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OF THE

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OF THE

Louisiana Annual Conference

OF THE

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Rev. JOHN C. KEENER, D. D., President.

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☞ It being understood that the present Minutes were to be published in a very condensed form, the undersigned Committee, appointed to prepare the same for publication, present the following as the result of their labors.

LINUS PARKER,
T. J. UPTON.

MISSIONS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

During the past year we have not heard from our German Missions in New Orleans. We are cut off from all communication with the Parent Board, and therefore cannot give any information in regard to our Missionaries in China and elsewhere.

Within the bounds of our own Conference many of our own Missions, both White and Colored, have been broken up by the common enemy. Plantations have been laid waste, our own and beautiful houses where our fathers worshipped have been burnt and destroyed, and our people driven from their once happy homes to seek refuge among strangers.

Manny Mission.—This is a White Mission, and embraces within its bounds a large territory; was served this year by Rev. A. W. Moore, assisted by a local preacher, Rev. Joseph Linn. It has one hundred and six members, sixty-five probationers, and six colored probationers; and paid $779 to the support of the Missionaries and $188 to the Mission cause. It is in a flourishing condition.

Natchitoches and Bayou Pierre Mission, was served by Rev. John Pipes. This Mission has four appointments, two to the whites and two to the colored people. There are twenty-two white members and one hundred and fifty-four colored; paid $786 for the support of the Missionary, and $500 for the "Army and Navy Messenger." They have had good meetings during the year.

The spirit of real and exalted piety is the true spirit of Missions. Just so much as every professed Christian has of the spirit of Jesus Christ, just so much he has of the spirit of the great Missionary enterprise. True piety admits of no "serving two masters," of no "halting between two opinions." The exalted Christian is a man of one great idea. His aim is single. His purpose is uncombined. He ackowledges and obeys but one impulse.

Mighty and overpowering as the principle of gravitation in physics—quick and energetic as the impact of the electric force, is the operation of grace on his heart. The principle of religion is the atmosphere in which he moves—its devotions are the breath he breathes—its provisions are the food on which his soul subsists.

Jesus Christ is his Alpha and Omega. He knows no other master—he regards no other authority. Jesus Christ is his rock and refuge—his buckler

and shield—the horn of his salvation, and the lifter up of his head. Often and gratefully does he breathe,

"Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee."

Often and fervently does he beseech,

"Leave, O leave me not alone!
Still support and comfort me."

The love of Christ is the mainspring of all the machinery of his action; the word of Christ, the only chart of his voyage through this world. The hope of glory through Christ is the magnetic power that continually draws him from earth towards heaven. In Christ, he exclaims—

"I've all my soul's desire;
His spirit does my heart inspire."

Hence, this spirit of true and exalted piety is also the true spirit of Missions. At what moment soever it siezes the soul, at that moment also the holy passions rise to glorify him who has translated the soul from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God—at that moment there begins to sprout the germ of a hallowed principle—fruitful of blessed charities, and ready, without stipulation, to give all its power of production to the glory of the blessed Savior, and the salvation of immortal souls.

On the wide waste of heathenism, here and there, a fountain has been opened—an oasis has began to bloom and spread—a tent, as of a way-faring man, has been pitched; but they are so widely distant from each other that storms of faithlessness and fear often terribly blow between, and nearly darken all hope of the future. In the night of ages, which so long lay on the nations, a light has been kindled on a Bethel here and a Pisgah there; but they are so few and far between that no ray from either meets and mingles on the still dark and gloomy interspace. My brethren, could this be the state of things if the true spirit of Missions was rife in the Church? Would not all Christendom have become a vast propaganda, into whose treasury the royal legacies of the rich and the humble gifts of the poor would have fallen together? Would not now the voice of Christian praise have resounded from the rivers to the ends of the earth, and among all the islands of the sea?

We have heard of this spirit. We have seen it, in some individual examples, flash like a beautiful meteor across the horizon; but we are yet waiting to see it stand like the king of day, on high meridian, filling all the sphere of human life with light and warmth, and joy and praise. How evident it is that more is wanting than we now have to bring about the conversion of the world, both to multiply the means and to give them success! Not that the Church of Christ is unable to publish the Gospel everywhere. Not that there is a lack of opportunity. Not that the experiments already made have been without ample encouragement. Not, in short, that a sufficient motive is wanting to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. But that the Church is slow to engage in this work—that the work itself is regarded in the light of a *charity*, which one is at liberty to perform or not, as he pleases, instead of the *great thing* for which the Church exists, and for which the Christian lives.

The Church is to have a transforming visitation from on high, and the world is to have a similar visitation. The Spirit is to be poured out upon all flesh. And the most prominent blessings of this remarkable dispensation of

God's Spirit has been manifested among the people and in the army of the Confederacy the past year.

The simplest way to convert a nation is to convert its army. Give Jesus Christ the army, and Satan may be safely challenged to hold the people if he can. Fire all the strong young men of a great people with the spirit of true Christianity, and then disband them and send them home to make all the laws—fill all the offices—control all the families, and inspirit all the churches of the land—and what short of a breaking down of all the laws of mind and influence could prevent a whole nation from being carried over bodily to the Lord's side? The Lord stir up the Church to ply the army warmly with the Gospel, that our nation may be converted in a way we know not! We hope that in the army and out of it, everywhere over the land, the revival of God's work may fill our camps and temples with praise.

REYNOLDS TRIPPETT, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. E. GOODWYN, Treasurer,

In account with the Louisiana Conference Missionary Society.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Centerville Circuit,	O. I.	130—	86	66⅔	
" "	State,		12	00	—$98 66⅔
North Rapides "	O. I.	20—	13	66⅔	
" " "	State,		55	30	
" " "	N. I.		12	00	— 80 66⅔
Columbia "	O. I.	75	50	00	
" "	State,		85	00	—135 00
Total,					$314 33⅓

BASTROP DISTRICT.

Jefferson Circuit,	O. I.	350			$233 33⅓
Island Desaird,	O. I.	75			50 00
Bastrop Station,	N. I.		53	00	
" "	State and Coin,		272	00	— 325 00
Plantersville,	O. I.	215—	143	33⅓	
"	State,		54	00	—197 33⅓
Total,					$805 66⅔

HOMER DISTRICT.

Minden Circuit,	O. I.	400—	266	66⅔	
" "	State,		84	00	—$350 66⅔
Homer "	O. I.	1160—	773	33⅓	
" "	N. I.		26	00	
" "	State,		149	00	—948 33⅓
Vernon "	O. I.	145—	96	66⅔	
" "	State,		97	50	
" "	N. I.		7	00	—201 16⅔
Sparta "	O. I.	330			220 00
Homer Station,	O. I.	525			350 00
North Bossier C't,	O. S.	930—	620	00	
" " "	State,		120	00	—740 00
South Bossier,	O. I.	335			223 33⅓
Total,					$3,033 50

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport Station,	O. I.	435—	290	00	
" "	N. I.		1160	00	
" "	State,		220	00	—$1670 00
Red River Cir't,	O. I.	1700—	1133	33⅓	
" "	State,		85	00	—1218 33⅓
Lake Bisteneau,	State,		379	00	
" "	N. I.		7	00	— 386 00
Pleasant Hill C't,	O. I.	1795			1196 66⅔
Caddo Circuit,	O. I.	620			413 33⅓
DeSoto "	O. I.	200			133 33⅓
Mansfield Station,	O. I.	1025			683 33⅓
Total,					$5,701 00

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Annual contribution of Members and Children,	$92 00

RECAPITULATION.

Alexandria District,	$314 33⅓
Bastrop District,	805 66⅔
Homer District,	3,033 50
Shreveport District,	5,701 00
From other sources,	92 00
Total from Districts, &c.	$9,946 50

[Report concluded on next page.]

[*Conclusion of Treasurer's Report.*]

ANNIVERSARY AT MINDEN, VIZ:

North Bossier Cir't,	$3,000 00	Rev. R. Parvin,	$250 00	Cash,	$69 33⅓
Rev. W. E. N. Linfield,	500 00	Rev. R. M. Crowson,	250 00	Mrs. W. D. Shea,	100 00
Dr. Williams,	500 00	Rev. John C. Faulk,	216 00	A Lady,	50 00
Mrs. Cravens,	500 00	Rev. W. H. Moss,	100 00	G. W. Price,	50 00
Two Friends,	500 00	Wm. Shields,	100 00	Cash,	85 00
Dr. Patillo,	250 00	Rev. R R R Alexander,	100 00	Rev. W. Moon,	50 00
George N. Gilmer,	250 00	Mrs. Watson,	100 00	Rev. C. W. Carter,	100 00
Mrs. Mary Randle,	250 00	Col. L. M. Lewis,	100 00	Mrs. J. L. Wright,	25 00
Mrs. DeFrance,	250 00	Miss Kate Ellis,	100 00	Mr. Elias Connel,	1100 00
Mrs. Th. Ella Harper,	250 00	Mrs. M. A. Murrell,	100 00	Cash,	35 00
Rev. W. D. Shea	250 00	Rev. W. P. Kimble,	100 00	Rev. D. Lawrence,	6 66⅔
Rev. M. Stuart,	250 00	Cash,	100 00	Dr. J. Lyons,	75 00
Lake Bisteneau Cir't,	250 00	Rev. Mr. Chevis,	100 00	Mrs. Young,	50 00
Mr. Jones,	250 00	T. Moorning,	100 00	Rev. Mr. Littlepage,	20 00
Col. L. M. Lewis and Regiment,	250 00	Cash,	168 00	Cash collection,	258 00
		Mrs. S. S. Scott,	50 00		

Total from Anniversary, ... $11,602 00

To which add the amount received from the Districts and other sources, ... 9,946 00

Grand total, ... $21,548 00

—CONTRA—

By Missionary drafts paid December 13th, 1864,	$3,000 00	
Anniversary Money not collected,	3,086 33⅓	
Paid to J. C. Keener, Assistant Treasurer, in money, notes, &c.,	15,462 16⅔	$21,548 50

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. THOS. B. WHITE, President.

Rev. P. M. GOODWYN, Vice President.	Rev. W. G. McGAUGHEY, Director.
" REYNOLDS TRIPPETT, Secretary.	" B. F. ALEXANDER, "
" A. E. GOODWYN, Treasurer.	" JOHN A. MILLER, "
" BENJ. F. WHITE, Director.	" WM. D. SHEA, "

Missionary Appropriations, 1865.

Winnfield Mission,	$500 00	Louisville Mission,	$500 00

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the office and authority of the President of the Conference continue in force until our next session.

2. That we recommend the Missionary Committee to authorize the President of the Conference to draw on the Assistant General Treasurer, or the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, for such amounts as may be necessary to aid in the support of those members of the Conference who may at any time be appointed to the work in the Army: Provided, that the sum appropriated to each family does not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

3. That we will, during the year, raise colllections for the support of the Army Missions in all our charges.

4. That we deem it expedient to advise that the Superintendent of Army Missions inform the President of this Conference of the number of Chaplains needed, and that the President, with the advice and consent of the Presiding Elders, make the necessary appointments.

5. That the Conference requires of each Pastor in whose work the family of a Chaplain resides, that he interest himself among the members of the church and other well disposed persons to secure, by purchase or otherwise, the necessaries of life for such family as a gratuity.

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—Who are admitted on trial.

ANSWER—None.

Q. 2—Who remain on trial?

A.—Alanson W. Moore and Matthew D. Thomasson.

Q. 3—Who are admitted into full connection?

A—Henry L. Green.

Q. 4—Who are re-admitted?

A.—None.

Q. 5—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A.—George H. Clinton, from the Mississippi Conference.

Q. 6—Who are the Deacons for one year?

A.—Charles W. Carter. Edwin W. Yancey was continued in class of the third year. Thomas B. Baldwin, Henry O. White, S. J. Graves James T. Fontaine, Charles W. Hodge, John F. DeWitt, Henry B. Frazee, Dabney P. Cullen and W. H. Moss were continued in the class of the fourth year.

Q. 7—What traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—None.

Q. 8—What local Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Martin Williams and G. W. Sherrod were elected, but not ordained.

Q. 9—What traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—John C. Faulk was elected but not ordained.

Q. 10—What local Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—None.

Q. 11—Who have located this year?

A.—None.

Q. 12—Who are Supernumerary?

A.—P. H. Dieffenwierth.

Q. 13—Who are Superannuated?

A.—Thomas Samford, David Kinnear, Henry C. Thweatt, Joe Saunders and Samuel Armstrong.

Q. 14—What Preachers have died during the year?
A.—Uriah Whatley, Stephen J. Davies and John C. Pitts.

OBITUARIES.

Uriah Whatley was born in Catahoula Parish, Territory of Louisiana, January 1st, 1802. He was converted in 1826, and joined the M. E. Church in 1827. He was licensed to exhort, by Rev. Wm. Stephenson, in 1830, and joined the Mississippi Conference at Vicksburg in December, 1832. He traveled the Bœuff Prairie Circuit in 1833, Lake Bolevin in 1834, and the Opelousas Circuit in 1835, at the close of which he located. In November, 1837, he was admitted on trial in the Arkansas Conference, and traveled the Monroe Circuit in 1838, Harrisburg in 1839, and Claiborne in 1840. At the close of this year he again located. During his local relation he was employed by Richmond Randle on the Trinity Circuit in 1845. In 1846 he again joined the Mississippi Conference and traveled Haw Creek Circuit, Columbia in 1847, Harrisonburg in 1848, and Bœuff River in 1849. At the close of this year he again located, and supplied the Trinity Circuit, under Joel Saunders, Presiding Elder, in 1853 and 54. In 1853 he represented his Parish in the Legislature. He was admitted on trial in the Louisiana Conference in January, 1855, and appointed to the North Rapides Circuit and Mission; on which work he labored, sometimes on the Circuit and sometimes on the Mission, until the day of his death, which occurred on the 25th of May, 1864. Bro. Whatley died as he lived. a man of God and faithful laborer in his Master's vineyard. His last words were, "I am almost home."

Stephen J. Davies died at his home in St. Mary's Parish, La., October 10th, 1863, aged about 48 years. He was born in Wales, and raised in the State of Kentucky. In the winter of 1842 he entered the traveling connection in the Mississippi Conference.—At the division of that Conference his appointment fell within the bounds of the newly formed Louisiana Conference, of which he continued a member until the day of his death. Bro. Davies was a man of strong impulses, an earnest and good preacher, and we doubt not has many seals to his ministry. He was married twice. The close of his life was embittered by strange and deep afflictions, growing out of his domestic relations, and the sad intelligence comes to us that he died of a broken heart. None of his ministerial brethren were with him during his last illness, but from our knowledge of his Christian integrity we doubt not that he was ready to meet the messenger when he came.

John C. Pitts was born in Tennessee, November 7th, 1821. He came to Alabama in his infancy. He was a member of the Alabama Conference one year, and was transferred to the Louisiana Conference in 1856. He labored with great acceptability and usefulness on the Trinity Circuit in 1857, Tensas Colored Mission in 1858, Jordan Chapel in '59, St. Joseph Mission in '60, Ion Circuit in '61-2, Winnsboro' in '63, and Winnsboro' and Bœuff Prairie in '64. Bro. Pitts was a good and efficient preacher, full of pathos and power. At the beginning of his illness he had a presentiment that his work was done, and declared that it was far better for him to depart and be with Christ. He lingered but a few days, and in the bosom of his family and friends breathed his last, uttering faintly, "All is well."

Q. 15—Are all the Preachers blameless in life and official administration?

A.—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed, with the following exceptions:

John W. Hearne.—His character was not passed, and he was discontinued.

Anthony Cannon.—His character was not passed; it was directed that he be left without an appointment, and that his case be referred to his Presiding Elder for investigation.

Thomas J. Lacey.—His character was not passed; it was directed that he be left without an appointment, and a committee was appointed to prepare charges and cite him to answer at the next Conference.

Q. 16—What is the number of Preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

Answer.

	WHITE.		COL'D.		Local Preachers.
	Members,	Probationers,	Members,	Probationers,	
Opelousas District.					
St. Landry,	80	10	6		
Lafayette,	170		20		
Vermillion,	40		12		
Washington,	37	3	20		
	327	13	58		
Alexandria Dist.					
Centreville,	133	9	16	16	1
Columbia,	147	2	35	2	
Ouachita,	231	18	4	6	2
	511	29	55	24	3
Bastrop District.					
Bastrop,	60	11	24	52	
Plantersville,	83	23			
Bartholomew Mission,			73	41	
Jefferson,	76	15	115		
	219	49	212	93	
Homer District.					
Homer,	46	37	36	40	
Homer Circuit,	330	120	126	31	2
Minden,	180	175	43	75	
Farmerville,	410	120	120	172	8
Vernon,	184	206	145		3
North Bossier,	72	12	62	26	1
South Bossier,	312	52	760	216	
	1534	722	1292	560	14

	WMITE.		COL'D.		Local Preachers.
	Members,	Probationers,	Members,	Probationers,	
Shreveport Dist.					
Shreveport,	79	6	80	24	
Caddo Circuit,	191	96	120	109	4
DeSoto "	96	32	50	8	1
Mansfield,	100	35	50	35	
Pleasant Hill,	300	20	100		
Red River Circuit,	218	120	300	250	3
Lake Bisteneau "	112	81	15	126	1
	1096	390	715	552	9
Tensas District.					
Wesley, Tensas, and Jordan's Chapel,	81	1			
Sicily Island,	34	4			1
Bayou Macon,	75	15			1
Deer Creek,	45	5	10		1
	235	25	10		3
Recapitulation.					
Opelousas District,	327	13	58		
Alexandria "	511	29	65	24	3
Bastrop "	219	49	212	93	
Homer "	1534	722	1292	560	14
Shreveport "	1096	390	715	552	9
Tensas "	235	25	10		3
	3922	1228	2342	1229	29

The above statistics are all that were reported. None of the appointments in the enemy's lines have furnished any reports, and some others have failed to do so.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 17—What amounts are necessary to meet the claims of the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and the Bishops' allowance?

A.—$2,698 00.

Q. 18—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A.—Collected $2,698 00.

Applied:

Orphans of W. H. Turnley,	$25 00	
" Sam. Haws,	50 00	
" B. C. Stegall,	100 00	
" T. H. Foster,	25 00	
Widow and Orphans of T. J. McFarland,	255 00	
Widow and Child of J. C. Pitts,	190 00	
Orphan of S. J. Davies,	40 00	
Widow and Children of U. Whatley,	300 00	
Supernumerary T. J. Lacey,	300 00	
Superannuates, Thomas Samford,	300 00	
" David Kinnear,	300 00	
" H. C. Thweatt,	150 00	
Bishops' claim,	663 00	$2,698 00

WIDOWS', ORPHANS', AND BISHOPS' PER CENT.

Resolved, That the Conference declare the above per cent. for 1865 to be FIVE PER CENT. on the total receipts of each Preacher, and that the Preachers be required to take up collections in all their congregations to meet the claims upon this fund.

Total Claims, Total Allowance, Total Receipts, and Per Cent. paid.

		QUART. CLAIM.	TOTAL ALLOWANCE.	TOTAL REC'TS.	PER CT. PAID.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT,	JOHN C. KEENER, P. E.	$540	$3000	$3000	$207
Chaplain in Army,	Joshua F. Scurlock,	150		950	40
" "	Wm. C. Young,			2000	80--$327
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT,					
Vermillion,	John S. Davis,			600	24
Chaplain in Army,	B. F. Alexander,			400	16— 40
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT,	A. E. GOODWYN, P. E.			700	30
Alexandria,	W. E. M. Linfield,				50
Centreville,	E. W. Young,				20
Columbia,	R. T. Parish,			1000	64
Ouachita,	P. M. Goodwyn,				45— 209
BASTROP DISTRICT,					
Bastrop,	C. W. Carter,			2000	88
Plantersville,	J. L. Wright,	440	2000	1674	47
Jefferson,	W. C. Haislip,				66
Ion,	J. H. Stone,			240	10— 211
HOMER DISTRICT,	S. S. SCOTT, P. E.			1500	60
Homer Station,	Reynolds Trippett,	280	1000	2000	80
Homer Circuit,	J. A. Miller,	325	1350	1525	61
Minden,	N. A. Cravens,			2500	325
Farmerville,	W. D. Stayton,			1100	45
Vernon,	W. P. Kimbal,			900	36
Sparta,	J. H. Boult,	300	1000	1000	40
North Bossier,	W. H. Moss,			1350	515
South Bossier,	W. D Shea,			1500	50—1212
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT,	S. J. HAWKINS, P. E,			1500	40
Shreveport Station,	Linus Parker,			2500	120
Caddo Circuit,	P. L. Henderson,			1000	40
" "	T. B. Baldwin,			540	24
Mansfield,	J. Landrum,				20
DeSoto Circuit,	J. Fulton,			1000	40
Pleasant Hill,	S. B. Suratt,				15
Natchitoches,	John Pipes,	280	1200	786	32
Manny Mission,	A. W. Moore,	325	1264	797	32
Red River Circuit,	R. Parvin,	300	1200	1200	40
Lake Bisteneau Circuit,	T. J. Upton,	470	2000	2000	80—483
TENSAS DISTRICT,	T. B. WHITE, P. E.		1000	700	20
Wesley Chapel,	W. G. McGaughey,				16
Sicily Island,	R. A. New,	380		876	24
Bayou Macon,	H. O. White,			325	17
Deer Creek,	J. F. Wynn,			732	33— 110

The Secretary of the Conference received reports from only those Preachers whose names are in the above table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION.

The following appointments of Trustees for Homer College were ratified by Conference, in place of some who could not attend to the duties of the same: Rev. John C. Blackman, Rev. R. Trippett, George W. Price, J. W. Thomasson, W. L. Phillips, W. W. Arbuckle, W. S. Parham, N. J. Scott, M. S. Kinnebrew, S. W. Davis, D. A. James, Rev. S. S. Scott, G. W. Maddox, James Smith, Michael Callahan, Rev. G. H. Clinton and Rev. J. A. Miller.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The undersigned begs leave to report, in behalf of a Committee appointed at the last Conference to examine into the cause of sale, &c., of Mansfield Female College:

That, upon investigation, it appeard that the College buildings, grounds, apparatus and furniture had been sold for several years to Mr. Lewis Phillips, to satisfy judgments in favor of builders and others against the College, to the amount of $10,000. We also found that the buildings and grounds could now be purchased of Mr. Phillips for $2,000, Confederate money, and a certain piece of land, 640 acres more or less, in the neighborhood of Mansfield—Mr. P. relinquishing the value of his promissory note for $1,000 in the claim.

Whereupon a few persons, members of the church, generously gave their promissory notes to effect the purchase, for the purpose of placing the College in the hands of the Louisiana Conference free of debt, to-wit:

Dr. Joseph Wilder,	$1000	John T. Fullilove,	$250	Wm. B. Cooke,	$250
J. J. Greening,	1000	O. P. Westmoreland,	250	Wm. E. Doty,	500
John W. Reaves,	500	James Fullilove,	500	Wm. F. Ogelvie,	500
Mrs. E. A. Pigues,	500	J. M. Ford,	250	Henry Ware, (Con. mon.)	5000

Buck Scott, 1000 pounds of Cotton.

Of these, $4000 of the notes were sold for $20,000, Confederate money; 1000 lbs. Cotton sold for $1000; add cash by Mr. Ware $5000—aggregate $26,000. Of this sum, $24,000 was used in the purchase of the aforesaid piece of land, which, together with the remaining $2000, was paid for the College and grounds. The College was deeded to "The Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist E. Church, South," and was accepted by the undersigned as President of the corporation. The only liens on the property are one of $60 and one of $120, which in due time will be cancelled.

The amount remaining from the subscription, and placed in hands of the Board of Managers appointed by the Conference, is as follows: $500 note sold for $2500, face value; $500 note exchanged for 4000 lbs. cotton, which was sold for $2000, 2 per cent. a day notes; and two notes for $250 each—less $1000 in 2 per cent. a day notes returned to Mrs. Pigues.

The furniture and apparatus of the College had been sold by the owner during this year, and previous to this purchase the buildings were used by the Government as a hospital for some months, after the battle of Mansfield, but are in good repair.

Respectfully, J. C. KEENER.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Resolved, That Wm. E. Doty, Linus Parker, John Pipes, Joseph Wilder and J. J. Greening are hereby appointed a Board of five Managers of the Mansfield Female College; whereof the first named is Chairman of the Board.

2. That the said Managers shall continue as such during the pleasure of the Louisiana Annual Conference, and any vacancy occurring in said Board shall be filled by the President of the Conference.

3. That the Board of Managers shall have entire use and management, care and control of the grounds, buildings and other property at present known as the Mansfield Female College, and any other property or funds now in hand, or which may hereafter be bought, deeded or given for the repair, improvement, benefit, support or endowment of said College: *Provided*, they shall not have power to incur any debt for which the College buildings or any endowment funds shall be held liable.

4. That the Board shall have full power to employ a Faculty for said College, whose term of service shall be at the discretion of the Board.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board to report annually, in writing, to the Louisiana Conference, the condition of the finances of the College, including the state of grounds and buildings, the number of its Faculty and students, and other such items as in the judgment of the Board may be necessary to give the Conference a correct view of the welfare of the Institution.

6. That the thanks of the Conference are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Dr. J. C. Keener and the worthy brethren so nobly aiding him, for their effectual efforts to secure and restore Mansfield College to the Louisiana Conference.

PIERCE AND PAINE.

Resolved, That Dr. J. C. Keener be requested to examine into the condition of the Endowment fund of Pierce and Paine College, in behalf of this Conference, and if said funds are not in a condition of safety, he be authorized to place them in a position of security.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The following resolution and statistics are extracted from the report as adopted:

Resolved, That the Sunday School interest be made more than ever prominent in our ministerial labors, and that we will revive, re-organize and establish Schools wherever practicable.

	Schools,	Officers and Teachers,	Scholars,	Volumes in Library,
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.				
Washington,	1	4	25	200
St. Landry,	1	5	20	200
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.				
Centreville,	1			
HOMER DISTRICT.				
Homer,	1	12	75	
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.				
Shreveport,	1	10	30	200
Caddo,	1	6	30	250
Mansfield,	1	6	40	
Red River,	1	8	35	48
Total,	8	51	255	888

ON CHURCH PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That we have heard with gratification of the action of the Ouachita Annual Conference in reference to a *Tract Association*, to supply our Army in this Department with religious literature, free of cost to the soldier, as well as to the church at reasonable prices; and that we recommend the enterprise and its Agent to the patronage and support of our congregations.

Resolved, That we will receive and circulate the Ouachita Conference Journal, when its publication shall be resumed.

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the introduction of the Army and Navy Messenger into this Department; that we heartily endorse the enterprise in which Bro. Norris is engaged, and that this Conference will support the Messenger as the Army Paper for this Department.

Resolved, That we recommend the establishment of a Trans-Mississippi Christian Advocate, to be published at Shreveport, and that a committee composed of W. E. M. Linfield, S. B. Suratt and J. A. Ivy be appointed to provide for and superintend the publication of the same, if found practicable.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

On Missions,.....Thomas B. White.
On Education,.....Baxter Clegg.
On Sunday Schools,.....Philip L. Henderson.
On Church Publications,.....Benj. F. Alexander.
On Bible Cause,.....Reynolds Trippett.
On Ministerial Support,.....Wm. D. Shea.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1865.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.....Committee—A. E. Goodwyn and B. F. Alexander.

Studies: *Class of First Year*—English Grammar; Hymn Book; Composition.
Studies: *Class of Second Year*—Hymn Book; Quackenboss' Advanced Course of Composition; Rhetoric and Composition.
Studies: *Class of Third Year*—Hymn Book; Whateley's Rhetoric; Essay or Sermon; Reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.
Studies: *Class of Fourth Year*—Hymn Book; Whately's Logic; Sermon.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE.....Committee—Reynolds Trippett and George H. Clinton.

Studies: *Class of First Year*—Bible, historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with new Biblical Atlas and Preachers' Text-Book.
Studies: *Class of Second Year*—Bible, as to the institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Bible, as to doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.
STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

DOCTRINAL AND CONTROVERSIAL THEOLOGY.....Committee—BAXTER CLEGG and S. B. SURATT.

STUDIES: *Class of First Year*—Vol. I of Wesley's Sermons; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Theological Compend.
STUDIES: *Class of Second Year*—Vol II of Wesley's Sermons; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.
STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Wesley's Sermon's, Vol. III; Watson's Institutes, Part II.
STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.....Committee—S. J. HAWKINS and PHILO M. GOODWYN.

STUDIES: *Class of First Year*—Discipline; Clarke's Preachers' Manual.
STUDIES: *Class of Second Year*—Discipline, with reference to Henckle's Analysis; Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey.
STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Discipline.
STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Discipline; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History.

UNDER-GRADUATES.

CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR—None.
CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR—Mathew D. Thomasson and Alanson W. Moore.
CLASS OF THE THIRD YEAR—Henry L. Green and Edwin W. Yancey.
CLASS OF THE FOURTH YEAR—Thomas B. Baldwin, Charles W. Carter, Henry O. White, S. J. Graves, James T. Fontaine, Charles W. Hodge, John F. DeWitt, Henry B. Frazee, Dabney P. Cullen and Wm. H. Moss.

Committee for Examination of Candidates for Admission on Trial—JOHN C. KEENER and LEWIS A. REED.

"All candidates for admission on Trial into the Traveling Connection shall, in addition to their examination before the Quarterly Conference, as required by the present form of Discipline, be examined by a committee of the Annual Conference on the ordinary branches of an English Education, of their acquaintance with which they shall give satisfactory evidence previous to admission."—*Action of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in Session of* 1858.

GERMAN UNDER-GRADUATES.

Resolved, That the German preachers who are now or may hereafter be received on trial shall be required to give satisfaction to the Conference on the course of study in the English language, as recommended by the Bishops.

TIME OF EXAMINATION.

Resolved, That the classes to be examined be required to appear before the Committee of Examination, at the seat of Conference, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the Monday pre-

ceding the opening of the Conference; and in case they fail to do so, without satisfactory excuse for non-attendance at the required time and place, they shall be continued in the same class another year.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

Resolved, That all the candidates for admission into the Conference be required, at the time of their reception, to furnish the Secretary with a written statement, setting forth the date and place of their birth, their parentage, the time of their conversion, and when and where they were licensed to preach; and that the same be filed with the Records of the Conference.

Resolved, That all the brethren becoming members of the Conference, either by transfer or re-admission into the Traveling Connection, be requested to furnish a similar statement.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following Address to the Bishops was adopted:

To the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Reverend and Beloved Fathers and Brothers:

Our manifold solicitude impels us to seek communication with you in this formal manner—to lay before you the necessities of our Church in this Trans-Mississippi Department.

Our Conference work has been regularly done by us the four consecutive years of your absence, except that portion of the work set apart for the functions of the Episcopacy. The consequence is, that Preachers elected to Ordination, both in the Traveling and Local Ministry, have increased to such an extent as to attract public attention to our embarrassment. We need not inform you that if the embarrassment is not soon removed by you that its tendency is to impair the conservatism of our membership, and to increase that form of dissatisfaction which will seek relief in expedients.

We love Methodism as it is, and are as fully satisfied with its government as with its doctrines. We cherish an Episcopacy with unerring devotion, and therefore deprecate the necessity which would justify a change of any particular, however slight or temporary.

We therefore urge you, as the constituted conservators of the unity and order of the Church, to take into consideration our claims and perfect measures for our relief.

Hitherto we have accounted to ourselves for your absence by a proper appreciation of the difficulties incident to any attempt to attend our sessions from your side of the Confederacy, but the constant and secure passage of the Mississippi river by emigrant trains, as well as by less encumbered parties, lessens the difficulty daily.

We extend to you our heart-felt sympathies, which your sufferings, in addition to all our other calamities, have the effect to quicken. We trust we

have recognized the rod and know who hath appointed it, and earnestly pray that these light afflictions, which are but temporary, shall work out for us all a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

We are gratified to be able to assure you, that though we are restricted in territory, we are not in labors, and that the divine blessing of the Great Head of the Church upon our work the present year, has resulted in large accessions to our membership. It would certainly prove a measure of great relief, as well as of profound satisfaction, for a Bishop to spend the remainder of the war with us, if no longer. We have provided by resolution such an invitation and guaranteed his support.

Respectfully &c.

Resolved, That this Conference pledges itself to any one of our Bishops for his support, who will take up his residence amongst us.

THANKS TO GOV. ALLEN.

Resolved, That we, the Louisiana Annual Conference, do hereby tender to His Excellency, H. W. Allen, Governor of the State of Louisiana, our hearty thanks for his gift of sufficient paper to publish the minutes of said Conference for 1864.

MEETING OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the time of our next session be fixed for the first Wednesday in December, provided the Bishops fail in making an appointment.

Resolved, That Mansfield, De Soto Parish, be selected as the place for holding our next session.

Resolved, That in the event of invasion so that the Conference cannot be held at Mansfield, the President is hereby authorized to appoint another place of meeting.

CONFERENCE SERMON,

To be preached by Samuel B. Suratt.

MINUTES.

T. J. Upton and Linus Parker were appointed a committee for the publication of the Conference Minutes.

APPOINTMENTS.

*NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—
*Carondelet street,.....
*Felicity street, ...
*Moreau street,.....
First German Mission,....*John A. Pauley.*
*Second " " ...
*Third " " ...
*Jefferson City,.....
*Algiers and Gretna,.....
*Laurel st. and Carrollton,
*Baton Rouge, ...
*Plaquemine,.....
*Grosse Tete, ...
Centennary College, ...*Almarin G. Miller.*

OPELOUSAS DIST.—*Jos. D. Adams, P. E.*
Opelousas & Washington,..*Benj F. White.*
St. Landry Mission,.....To be supplied.
Plaquemine Brule,.....*Fisher T. Ransom.*
Lafayette and Vermillion, ..*John S. Davis.*
New Iberia and Franklin, ..*Joseph D. Adams.*
Teche Mission, ...To be supplied.
Pattersonville,.....To be supplied.
*Grand Lake Mission,.....
*Thibodaux and Houma,..
*Napoleonville.....
Bayou Bœuff, ...To be supplied.

ALEXANDRIA DIS.—*A. E. Goodwyn, P E.*
Alexandria Circuit,.....*James E. Bradley.*
Evergreen and Big Cane,..Henry C. White.
Calcasieu,.....To be supplied.
Grand Cheneir,.....Seaborn J. Graves.
Centreville, ...Edwin W. Yancey.
White Sulphur Springs, *Uriah Riley.*
Columbia,.....*Robert T. Parish.*
Farmerville, ...*Wm. D. Stayton.*
Vernon, ...*Whitmel P Kimbal.*
Louisville Mission,.....Alanson W. Moore.
Harrisonburg and Trinity,. Henry L. Green.

BASTROP DISTRICT—*James A. Ivy, P. E.*
Bastrop, ...Charles W. Carter.
Bayou Bartholomew,.....John C. Faulk.
Jefferson, ...Lewis A. Reed, and one to be supplied.
Wright's Chapel,.....*W C. Haislip.*
Ion,.....*Joseph H. Stone.*
*Delhi,.....
*Carroll,.....
Monroe. .....*Reynolds Trippett.*

HOMER DISTRICT—*Sam'l S. Scott, P. E.*
Homer, ...*Jas. L. Chapman, Geo H. Clinton.*
Claiborne Circuit, ...*John A. Miller.*
Minden,.....N A. Cravens.
Winnfield Mission,.....*John H. Boult.*
Sparta,.....*John C. Reed.*
Bienville, ...*Rich'd M. Crowson*
South Bossier,.....*Samuel B. Suratt.*

Lisbon Circuit, ...*Philo M. Goodwyn.*
Haynesville Circuit, ...*Wm. D. Shea.*
Mount Lebanon,.....*Thomas J. Upton.*
Homer College, ...*George H. Clinton.*

SHREVEPORT DIS.—*S. J. Hawkins, P. E.*
Shreveport, ...*Wm. E. M. Linfield.*
Greenwood Circuit,...*Philip L. Henderson.*
Caddo Circuit,.....*Linus Parker.*
DeSoto Circuit,.....*Jeptha Landrum.*
Mansfield,.....*Robt R. R. Alexander.*
Pleasant Hill, ...*Jesse Fulton.*
Natchitoches and Bayou Pierre Mission,.....*John Pipes.*
Red River Circuit,.....*Robert Parvin.*
Red River Mission,.....*Baxter Clegg.*
Manny Mission,.....To be supplied.
North Bossier,.....Wm. H. Moss.

TENSAS DIST.—*Wm. G. McGaughey, P. E.*
*Providence and Bunche's Bend, ...
*Pecan Grove & Richmond,
Wesley, Tensas, and Jordan's Chapel,.....*Philip S. Diffeinwirth,* Supern'y.
*Waterproof, ...
Concordia Mission,.....*Fielding Bell.*
Sicily Island,.....*Robert A. New.*
Bayou Macon,.....*Th H. McClendon.*
Winnsborough and Bœuff Prairie, ...*John F. Wynn.*

SUPERANUATED—*Thomas Samford, David Kinnear, Henry C. Thweatt, Joel Saunders* and *Samuel Armstrong.*

TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS CONFERENCE—Dabney P. Cullen.

IN ARMY SERVICE—*Clayton C. Gillespie,* Charles W. Hodge, John F. DeWitt and *Wade H. Frost.*

MISSIONARIES AND CHAPLAINS TO THE ARMY—*John C. Keener, Benj. F. Alexander, James L. Wright, Wm. C. Young, Thomas B. White* and Thomas B. Baldwin.

MINISTERS LABORING IN THE BOUNDS OF OTHER CONFERENCES.

Joseph B. Walker,	Mississippi	Conference.
Charles J. Hallberg,	"	"
Anderson B. Fly,	"	"
Henry B. Frazee,	Texas	"
Joshua F. Scurlock,	"	"
Arthur W. Smyth,	"	"
J. T. Fontaine,	"	"
Daniel S. Watkins,	"	"
Fred White,	"	"
Holland N. McTyeire,	Alabama	"
Matthew D. Thomasson,	"	"
Robert J. Harp,	Georgia	"

NOTE.—Those works marked with an asterisk are left without preachers because in the enemy's hands.